

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

October 10, 2005

Minutes

THE FOLLOWING MINUTES ARE A SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE REGIONAL COUNCIL. AUDIO CASSETTE TAPE OF THE ACTUAL MEETING IS AVAILABLE FOR LISTENING IN SCAG'S OFFICE.

The Regional Council of the Southern California Association of Governments held its meeting at SCAG offices downtown Los Angeles. The meeting was called to order by the President Toni Young, Councilmember, City of Port Hueneme. There was a quorum.

Members Present

Councilmember Toni Young, Port Hueneme, President	District 45
Supervisor Yvonne Burke, 1 st Vice President, Los Angeles County	
Supervisor Gary Ovitt, 2 nd Vice President, San Bernardino County	
Supervisor Chris Norby, Orange County	
Mayor Pro Tem Ron Roberts, Temecula, Immediate Past President	District 5
Councilmember Jon Edney, El Centro	District 1
Councilmember Greg Pettis, Cathedral City	District 2
Councilmember Bonnie Flickinger, Moreno Valley	District 3
Councilmember Lee Ann Garcia, Grand Terrace	District 6
Mayor Larry McCallon, Highland	District 7
Councilmember Deborah Robertson, Rialto	District 8
Councilmember Alan Wapner, Ontario	District 10
Mayor Lawrence Dale, Barstow	District 11
Councilmember Cathryn De Young, Laguna Niguel	District 12
Councilmember Richard Dixon, Lake Forest	District 13
Councilmember Tod Ridgeway, Newport Beach	District 14
Councilmember Lou Bone, Tustin	District 17
Councilmember Christine Barnes, La Palma	District 18
Councilmember Marilyn Poe, Los Alamitos	District 20
Councilmember Art Brown, Buena Park	District 21
Mayor John Bauman, Brea	District 22
Councilmember Paul Bowlen, Cerritos	District 23
Councilmember Gene Daniels, Paramount	District 24
Councilmember David Gafin, Downey	District 25
Councilmember Frank Gurule, Cudahy	District 27
Councilmember Judy Dunlap, Inglewood	District 28
Councilmember Rae Gabelich, Long Beach	District 29
Councilmember Tonia Reyes-Uranga, Long Beach	District 30
Councilmember Stan Carroll, La Habra Heights	District 31
Councilmember Margaret Clark, Rosemead	District 32
Councilmember Keith Hanks, Azusa	District 33

Councilmember Harry Baldwin, San Gabriel	District 35
Councilmember Tom Sykes, Walnut	District 37
Councilmember Paula Lantz, Pomona	District 38
Councilmember Paul Nowatka, Torrance	District 39
Councilmember Pam O'Connor, Santa Monica	District 41
Councilmember Todd Campbell, Burbank	District 42
Councilmember Dennis Washburn, Calabasas	District 44
Councilmember Glen Becerra, Simi Valley	District 46
Councilmember Debbie Cook, Huntington Beach	District 64
Councilmember Tim Jasper, Apple Valley	District 65
Supervisor Lou Correa, Orange County	OCTA
Councilmember Robin Lowe, Hemet	RCTC
Councilmember Keith Millhouse, Moorpark	VCTC

Members Not Present

Supervisor Victor Carillo, Imperial County	
Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky, LA County	
Supervisor Judy Mikels, Ventura County	
Supervisor Jeff Stone, Riverside County	
Mayor Ron Loveridge, Riverside	District 4
Councilmember Paul Eaton, Montclair	District 9
Councilmember Richard Chavez, Anaheim	District 19
Councilmember Isadore Hall, Compton	District 26
Councilmember Paul Talbot, Alhambra	District 34
Councilmember Sid Tyler, Pasadena	District 36
Councilmember Jim Aldinger, Manhattan Beach	District 40
Councilmember Carl Morehouse, San Buenaventura	District 47
Councilmember Mike Dispenza, Palmdale	District 43
Councilmember Ed Reyes, Los Angeles	District 48
Councilmember Wendy Greuel, Los Angeles	District 49
Councilmember Dennis Zine, Los Angeles	District 50
Councilmember Tom LaBonge, Los Angeles	District 51
Councilmember Jack Weiss, Los Angeles	District 52
Councilmember Tony Cardenas, Los Angeles	District 53
Councilmember Alex Padilla, Los Angeles	District 54
Councilmember Bernard Parks, Los Angeles	District 55
Councilmember Jan Perry, Los Angeles	District 56
Councilmember Bill Rosendahl, Los Angeles	District 58
Councilmember Greig Smith, Los Angeles	District 59
Councilmember Eric Garcetti, Los Angeles	District 60
Councilmember Janice Hahn, Los Angeles	District 62
Councilmember Thomas Buckley, Lake Elsinore	District 63
Mayor Antonio Villariagosa, Los Angeles	At-Large

Staff Present

Mark Pisano, Executive Director
Jim Gosnell, Deputy Executive Director
Heather Copp, Chief Financial Officer
Colin Lennard, General Counsel
Karen Tachiki, Chief Counsel
Hasan Ikhata, Director, Planning & Policy
Keith Killough, Director, Information Services
Shelia Stewart, Executive Assistant

1.0 CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by President Young.

2.0 INSPIRATIONAL MOMENT

Councilmember Washburn asked the RC to remember the victims of the Katrina Hurricane in the Gulf.

3.0 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Miles Mitchell, Chair, Subregional Coordinators, presented comments regarding the the Budget Priorities/Outcomes' document included as part of the meeting agenda. He stated that the coordinators felt that the document was too general and some of the outcomes appeared to be outside the scope of SCAG's mandates. He stated that the coordinators also questioned if there should be a priority focused on legally mandated responsibilities.

4.0 CONS ENT CALENDAR

The consent calendar items were MOVED (Washburn), SECONDED (Dixon) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

The following consent calendar items were UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

4.1 Approval Items

4.1.1 Approve Minutes of September 1, 2005

4.1.2 Approve Contracts over \$250,000

- Tioga Group

4.1.3 Approve CALCOG Membership Dues

4.1.4 Approval NARC Membership Dues

4.1.5 Reimbursement for RC Travel for FY 04/05

4.1.6 Subregional Indirect Cost Reimbursement Policy

4.1.7 Sponsorship of CALSTART'S Energy Future Conference

4.1 **Receive & File**

4.2.1 Purchase Orders/ Contracts between \$5,000 - \$250,000

4.2.2 Monthly Financial Report

4.2.3 SCAG Legislative Matrix

5.0 **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

5.1 **Appointments**

Regional Council Members to Policy Committees

To Administration Committee:

Hon. Jim Aldinger, Manhattan Beach
Hon. Harry Baldwin, San Gabriel
Hon. Paul Bowlen, Cerritos
Hon. Yvonne Burke, Los Angeles County
Hon. Richard Dixon, Lake Forest
Hon. Jon Edney, El Centro
Hon. Ron Loveridge, Riverside
Hon. Bonnie Lowenthal, Long Beach
Hon. Judy Mikels, Ventura County
Hon. Larry Nelson, Signal Hill
Hon. Gary Ovitt, San Bernardino County
Hon. Greg Pettis, Cathedral City
Hon. Greig Smith, Los Angeles
Hon. Ron Roberts, Temecula
Hon. Deborah Robertson, Rialto
Hon. Sid Tyler, Pasadena
Hon. Dennis Washburn, Calabasas
Hon. Toni Young, Port Hueneme

To EEC:

Hon. Stan Carroll, La Habra Heights

Subregional Representatives to Policy Committees

From Gateway Cities

To CEHD: Hon. Joseph Serrano, Santa Fe Springs

From Orange County COG

To CEHD: Hon. Leslie Daigle, Newport Beach
Hon. Bob Ring, Laguna Woods

Ex-Officio Representatives to Policy Committees

To EEC: Hon. Mike Miller, West Covina

Audit & Best Practices Committee

Hon. Paul Nowatka, Torrance
Hon. Deborah Robertson, Rialto

Maglev Task Force

Hon. Robert Hernandez, Anaheim

Water Policy Task Force

Hon. Joseph Serrano, Santa Fe Springs
Hon. Nancy Steele, LA & San Gabriel Rivers Watershed Council

Metrolink

Hon. Lou Bone, Tustin

Personnel Committee

Hon. Debbie Cook, Huntington Beach
Hon. Richard Dixon, Lake Forest, (Chair)
Hon. Robin Lowe, Hemet
Hon. Gary Ovitt, San Bernardino County
Hon. Ron Roberts, Temecula
Hon. Tom Sykes, Walnut
Hon. Paul Talbot, Alhambra
Hon. Sid Tyler, Pasadena
Hon. Toni Young, Port Hueneme

6.0 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

6.1 Global Gateways

Mark Pisano gave a slide show presentation on Global Gateways. He noted that SCAG participated in two important discussions about the region's global competitiveness and its position as a global gateway mega-region. SCAG met with SANDAG in San Juan Capistrano in which Mr. Pisano made a presentation on global gateways, the emergence of the mega-region, and the global gateway's emphasis on prosperity, equity, sustainability, and financing. Other related agenda items included updates on transportation planning, CEQA reform, and SANDAG's sustainable competitiveness report.

SCAG was represented by President Toni Young, Supervisor Chirs Norby, Supervisor Stone; Councilmember Richard Dixon, Councilmember Debbie Cook and Councilmember Thomas Buckley.

Discussions on global competitiveness continued on September 29th at the Southwest Compact Task Force bi-national hearing in El Centro. The discussion focused on the southwest mega-region, long range plans for the U.S.- Mexico border, local infrastructure and economic development and enhancing regional upward social mobility via innovative financing.

6.2 State Legislature End of Session Update

Jon Shaw, SCAG Lobbyist, stated that the State Legislature has adjourned for the year and will not reconvene until Wednesday, January 4, 2005. In the areas of housing and land use, SCAG worked with housing and land use stakeholders to reform housing element law and CEQA. Efforts stalled, however, and no bills were passed. The subjects will resurface next year.

He stated that one legislative success was the full funding of Proposition 42 to the amount of \$1.3 billion. More work remains to be done, however, to amend the State Constitution to prohibit future suspensions of transfers from the General Fund to transportation projects and programs in times of financial crisis. This amendment, called a firewall, appears to be the transportation community's first priority for the 2006 session.

SCAG also advocated on behalf of GoCalifornia, the Governor's transportation package, throughout the 2005 legislative calendar. It became apparent, however, that Senate President Pro Tempore Don Perata (D-Oakland) was unwilling to decouple consideration of his \$10 billion transportation bond measure (SB 1024) from consideration of GoCalifornia. Business, Transportation and Housing Department Secretary Sunne McPeak explained in late session meetings that the Governor insisted on separating GoCalifornia from any bond measure, preferring to effect administrative cost-savings first before taking a bond measure to the voters. Both sides have said that transportation will be a priority in 2006.

7.0 ACTION ITEMS

7.1 Administration Committee Report

7.1.1 FY 2006-2007 Budget Priorities/ Outcomes

It was MOVED (Washburn), SECONDED (Burke) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED with the following amendments:

1) A quarterly summary will be given to the Administration Committee and Regional Council on the progress towards the Outcomes, Goals and Activities; 2) Staff will directly tie the project to the outcomes and keep track of what decisions have been made and when; 3) A monthly report will be generated for FY 06-07 budget process that shows timelines. This will provide for a presentation of budget information and decisions made to date as well as where its going; and 4) Staff will provide information that shows the various subregional activities as they relates to the RC Outcomes -- if they are independent of or concurrent with what's being done in the Outcomes' planning.

7.2 Transportation & Communication Committee (TCC) Report

7.2.1 2006 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) Guidelines

The Guidelines have been prepared to facilitate the work of the County Transportation Commissions, the Imperial Valley Association of

Governments (IVAG), transit operators, and Caltrans in the development of “county TIPS” for inclusion in the SCAG 2006 RTIP. The RTIP Guidelines also describe the process and schedules for submittal of county TIPS to SCAG.

It was MOVED (Baldwin), SECONDED (Lowe) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED to release the Guidelines.

7.3 **Community, Economic & Housing Development Committee (CEHD) Report** No report.

7.4 **Energy & Environment Committee (EEC) Report**

No report.

7.5 **Communications & Membership Subcommittee Report**

The Subcommittee is continuing discussions about creating a forum for a business partnership. The purpose of this forum is to provide an opportunity for business groups to become more involved with SCAG, actively participating, sharing information, and helping to support activities.

Additional activities planned to commemorate SCAG’s 40th Anniversary include: Member Appreciation Plaques have been ordered for each of SCAG’s member jurisdictions. They’re intended to be displayed on City Hall walls throughout the region. The staff and alumni celebration is planned for November 3rd.

7.6 **Tribal Government Relations Report**

Mayor Prom Tem Roberts reported that the first meeting was held on Friday, September 30, 2005, at the SCAG Riverside office. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss and review current progress, as well as give direction to staff regarding next steps. The task force reviewed possible changes to SCAG Bylaws in order to establish a more formal role for Tribal Governments in the Regional Transportation planning process. The proposed Bylaws changes will be distributed to the tribal governments for their review and comment after final review by the task force members. The task force asked staff to further research the participation of tribal governments at the General Assembly (GA) in order facilitate the adoption of the Bylaws at the 2006 GA.

Over the next two – three months staff will coordinate between the task force members and the elected tribal council members to discuss the proposed Bylaws changes.

8.0 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

President Young recommended that monthly meetings be changed back to their original times. The Administration Committee should be held 9 – 10:a.m. The Policy Committees will start at 10:00 a.m. and RC be scheduled for 12:00 noon. Meeting times should be adjusted accordingly to accommodate the committees' agenda.

9.0 LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT

9.1 Closed Session

- Conference with Legal Counsel – potential litigation
Audit issues: San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments
and Orange County Council of Governments. Significant
Exposure to litigation pursuant to Section 54956.9(b)
Two (2) potential cases.

A report was given in closed session but no action was taken

- Writ of Mandate re: Board of Control Decision on,
Statutes 1980 Ch. 1143 Claim No. 3929 Before the
Commission on State Mandates (RHNA Determination
Cost Reimbursement- Council of Governments).
Code Section Conference with Legal Counsel pursuant
to Government 54956.9 Pending Litigation (one
potential case).

No closed session was held

- Havens v. SCAG
Havens v. Southern California Association of Governments,
Los Angeles County, Case No. BC 324931
Conference with Legal Counsel re: pending litigation
Pursuant to Government Code section §54956.9(a)

No closed session was held.

10.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

11.0 ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting will be held at SCAG offices Thursday, November 3, 2005.


Mark Pisano, Executive Director